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Meteorological Society

1839 March (12th) Minutes of Council Meeting held in the Committee Room Mechanic's Institution on Tuesday March 12th 1839.

Dr McIntyre V.P. in the Chair

Present Dr Lee, Dr Mitchell, Sir Jno Ross, Wm Bateman Byng Esqre Jno Reynolds Esqre For. Sec. Robt Carr Woods Esqre & the Secy.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read & confirmed. The Secy (W H White) read the annual report; which with suitable amendments was adopted, & ordered to be read at the Anniversary Meeting.

It was proposed by Dr Lee & seconded by Jno Reynolds Esqre that an additional Officer be appointed to be called the "Registrar", whose duties shall be to reduce & arrange in Tabulation all Tables &c. that may be referred to him by the Council, & in such manner as shall be agreed upon at a future meeting. –

It was also proposed by Dr Lee & seconded by Mr Byng that Mr R C Woods be appointed Registrar — Mr Woods accepted the appointment. Captn Sir Jno Ross R.N. & Mr Byng having been appointed scrutineers for the election of Officers for the ensuing year, the meeting was dissolved

Signed Chairman

1839
April
9th

Minutes of Council Meeting held April 9th 1839

Dr McIntyre V.P. in the Chair

The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed. The Secretary read a communication from Messrs Smith Elder & Co respecting the charge for (printing) supplying 100 copies of the Transactions of the Society for the supply of the members, which stated that they were to supply the required copies at Publishers trade price. The Publishers having charged the Society the full price, the Secretary waited upon them but could obtain no redress. It was accordingly resolved that the following letter be written to Messrs Smith Elder & Co —

Gentn. Your Invoice which accompanied the 100 Volumes of the Society's Transactions having been submitted to the Council, & appearing to disagree with the arrangement entered into with the Society, & specified in your letter of the 13th of July last. I am directed by the Council to request a new Invoice in accordance with the tenor of that letter founded on the previous agreement. By order of the Council

Signed W.H. White Secy

It was then recommended that the Society's Transactions be presented to the Royal Academies of St Petersburgh, Brussels & Lisbon, The Albany Institute — Messrs Crahay D'Avezac & Professor Silliman The Royal Society & the Royal Astronomical Society of London. The Council then dissolved

Signed John Lee. Chairman

1839
May
14th

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday May 14th Dr Lee Pres in the Chair.

Present Dr Mitchel — Mr Green Mr Rent Mr Woods & the Secy

The minutes of an adjourned meeting held on the 7th having been read the Secretary read the minutes of the preceding meeting which were confirmed. The Secretary stated he had received a letter from Messrs Smith Elder & Co relative to the publishing prices of the Society's Transactions which was read, also the letters of Messrs Smith Elder & Co bearing date April 15th 1839 and July 13th 1838. The subject was fully discussed & it was unanimously

Resolved "That the Council having pledged themselves to the members of the Meteorological Society to supply them with copies at of the Transactions "at the Bookseller's Subscription Trade Price", consider themselves bound strictly to adhere to the agreement contained in the letter of Messrs Smith Elder & Co of the 13th July last".

The Secretary was requested to forward a copy of this resolution to Messrs Smith Elder & Co & to add, that with respect to the number of copies ordered the Council refer Messrs Smith Elder & Co to the copy of the order of the Council forwarded to them in July last —

Resolved 2ndly That copies of the Transactions be presented to Benj Silliman Esqre New Haven
The Royal Academy of Sciences Brussels
" " " St Petersburgh
" " " Lisbon
The Geographical Society of Paris
And the Albany Institute U. States.

1839 May 14th Continued

In consequence of Mr Woods' leaving England, & his House No 47 Hatton Garden becoming vacant, it was offered to the Meteorological Society on their purchasing the fixtures for the Sum of £84 & paying an Annual Rent of £84, Sixty of which being secured by Permanent Lodgers, It was therefore Resolved 3rdly, That the Council of the Meteorological Society relinquish the idea of taking the House No 47 Hatton Garden for the Society's accommodation, in consequence of the low state of the Society's Funds, the great out-lay required on taking possession, as well as the risk attendant on a lease of 13½ Years.

The members of the Council were requested to look out for suitable apartments, and to meet on Special Summons from the Secy as soon as such apartments could be found.

The Council then adjourned

Signed President — Chairman

The following Copy of a formal notice to remove the Society's Instruments from No 47 Hatton Garden was delivered to the Secretary.

47 Hatton Garden
May 14th 1839

To the Right Honourable the President and Council of the Meteorological Society of London.

My Lord & Gentlemen

I hereby give you notice, that, as I have determined to dispose of the lease of my house — It will be necessary, and I require you to give directions for the removal of the Standard Instruments, and all other Property belonging to the Society, from No 47 Hatton Garden at your own cost & hazard, on or before the 31st day of May Inst: 1839. — I have also to request payment of the balance due to me for the same, & for all letters and Parcels, received & paid for, & which may be received & paid for by me up to the above mentioned day. After which day I beg you to take notice no more can be received.

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your very obedt Servt
(signed) R. C. Woods

Witness to the delivery of this Notice to W. H. White Esqre Secy to the Society (signed) Henry Herrick

On the receipt of this letter, & suitable apartments having been found, the Secy summoned a Special Meeting of the Council, to be held at No 25 Bartlett's Buildings, Holborn on Tuesday May 21st.

1839 May 21st Special Meeting

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday May 21st at the House of John Green Esqre M.B.S. & member of the Council.
Jno Reynolds Esqre For. Sec in the Chair, present Richard Taylor Esqre. Mr Green, Mr Woods & the Secretary.

Mr Green having offered the Society suitable Rooms on advantageous Terms, It was Resolved. That, it be suggested to Dr Lee the Treasurer of the Meteorological Society, that the Meteorological Society take the Rooms of Mr Green 25 Bartlett's Buildings Holborn at a Sum not exceeding £20 per Annum. But, should another Society join them, that they pay to Mr Green the sum of £12 per Annum — or, in the event of three Societies holding their meetings in the same rooms, that the Meteorological Society pay the sum of £10 per Annum.

This Resolution was forwarded without delay to Dr Lee at Lynn Norfolk, who communicated by return of post his full acquiescence to the above resolution.

The rooms were immediately taken & the Society's Instruments & other property removed into them.

The Secy being deputed by the Botanical Society to find suitable apartments for them, immediately communicated with the Secy G. E. Dennes Esqre who approved of the rooms & conditions as stated in the above Resolution, & immediately became joint Tenants of the same apartments — each Society agreeing to pay £12 per Annum.

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1839 June 11th

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday June 11th 1839 at the Society's Rooms 25 Bartlett's Buildings Holborn — The Right Honourable Lord Robert Grosvenor M.P. President in the Chair. Present the Treasurer Dr Lee — Dr McIntyre V.P. — Jno Green Esqre Jno Reynolds Esqre For. Sec. Mr Woods & the Hon. Secretary.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed — The Secretary laid a new Invoice of the Transactions before the members of the Council accompanied by a letter from Messrs Smith Elder & Co stating that they had furnished the Society "with 100 Copies "at the Bookseller's Price" & at the same time requesting to be informed of the total number of the subscribing members of the Society. This request was agreed to, & the Secretary was requested to furnish the required information.

The Secretary then submitted a Bill for the Balance of Mr Wood's account for Instruments &c — which was ordered to be paid — Mr Woods then delivered in an account of Five Pounds for removing the Society's Standard Barometer & other Instruments, from No 47 Hatton Garden to No 25 Bartlett's Buildings, which, after some discussion was ordered to be paid — The Secretary next presented a bill for Rent of the Committee Room Mechanic's Institution & also one from Mr Green for printing the Society's laws &c — both of which were ordered to be paid as soon as sufficient funds were collected.

The Secretary was desired to request those members who were in arrears with their Subscriptions to pay them without delay. The Council then adjourned.

John Lee. Chairman.

At the close of this meeting the Noble President, presented the Society with a Donation of Five Pounds —

1839 June 28th Dr Lee's

Minutes of Council Meeting held at Dr Lee's on Friday June 28th 1839 — Dr Lee Treasurer in the Chair. — The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Secy stated he has forwarded to Messrs Smith Elder &Co the information they solicited, which he had been authorised to send at the last meeting — but had not recd their reply. —

The Secy stated that he had also written to those members who were in arrears with their subscriptions & requested them to forward them without delay.

Ordered that 100 Copies of Circular notices of election be printed by the Commencement of next session.

The Secy was requested to call on Dr Lindley relative to his promised meteorological Communication

The meeting then adjourned. —

W. Bateman Byng
Chairman

1839 Novr 12th

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Society's Rooms on Tuesday Novr 12th 1839. William Bateman Byng Esqre FRAS in the Chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. — The Secretary stated that the Royal Society of Edinburgh had forwarded a Volume of Transactions to the Meteorological Society — Ordered that the Secretary write a letter of thanks to the Council of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, accompanying the same with a Copy of our Transactions. — Letter of thanks enclosing a copy the Society's Transactions sent, on the 19th Inst: Novr.

Ordered That the following Accounts be paid as soon as the funds permit; viz,
Rent A/c at the Mechanic's Institution
Do — at Bartlett's Buildings
Mr Hunt's A/c for stationery, and
Mr Green's A/c for Printing. —

The Secretary submitted a Copy of the Proceedings of the last Session to the Council. Ordered that the same be submitted to the other Secretaries Dr Mitchel & Mr Reynolds, with the original papers, for revision, and if approved by them to be printed immediately, in a cheap form, for gratuitous circulation among the Members and their friends.

~~Ordered~~ Suggested that the Auditors Messrs Byng & Reynolds meet in February to take an Account of the Society's Books Instruments &c.

I. Lee
Chairman

1840
Feby 11th.

Minutes of Council held Feby 11th 1840
Jno Green Esqre M.R.S. in the Chair —
Ordered that Mr Lukis of Guernsey be considered as an Associate Member in consequence of his residence. Also, that Sir Jno Ross V.P. be considered an Associate during his residence abroad.
Ordered, that Messrs Harrison & Co's a/c of £6..5/- for Books & Stationery be paid, And also the Secretaries account of 6 Months attendance £6..6.. due this day —
Ordered that the Resignation of Dr Mitchell one of the Secretaries, be received — and that Mr Jno Green be nominated in his stead —
Ordered also that the Resignation of Charles Henry Adams Esqre be confirmed on his paying up his arrears of One Guinea —
Ordered that the Secretary write officially to all the Members in arrears —
The following Gentlemen were nominated Auditors for the ensuing Session; viz,
Messrs Byng — Reynolds & Green
The following list of Officers was then put in Nomination

President — The Right Honble Lord Robt Grosvenor M.P.
Vice Presidents Dr Birkbeck & Dr Mc Intyre.
Treasurer Dr Lee
Secretaries — W. H. White and Mr Jno Green —
Foreign Secretary — Mr Jno Reynolds
Other Members of the Council
Messrs Byng — ~~Brayley~~ Brisly — Sir Jno Herschel
— Higgins — Kent — Leach
— Lieut Morrison — R. Phillips — Professor Phillips —
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John Lee
Chairman

1840
Mar 10

Minutes of Council meeting held Tuesday March 10th 1840 Dr Lee Treasurer in the chair.
The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed — Mr Green presented a proof-sheet of the proposed application to members in arrears with their subscriptions, which was approved, and ordered to be printed & forthwith sent to every member whose ~~[illegible]~~ subscription is in arrears. —
The Annual report with then prepared for reading before the meeting —
The Chairman then suggested that the Society print for gratuitous distribution among the members, & scientific bodies, and learned individuals Dr Mc Intyre's introductory remarks to the 1st Vol of Transactions — On an enquiry being made whether the society had power to print. Mr Green was deputed to make the necessary enquiry & to report thereon —

W. Bateman Byng
Chairman

1840 April 14th

Minutes of Council held Tuesday April 14th 1840 — Wm Bateman Byng Esqr F.R.A.S. in the Chair —

Present Messrs. Leach. Phillipps, Green Morrison, Mr McIntyre & the Secy.

After the minutes of the preceding meeting had been read & confirmed,

The Secretary stated that he had received from the President copies of the addresses proposed at his Lordships House on the 11th inst: for approval of the Council —

It was then moved by Lieut. Morrison & seconded by Mr Leach, and finally Resolved, that it would be a proper mark of the loyal respect entertained by the Members of the Meteorological Society generally towards Her Majesty's Family to offer an address of congratulation on the event of Her Majesty's marriage and that the following addresses to Her Majesty & to H R H Prince Albert be accordingly adopted —

It was moved by Lieut Morrison, & seconded by Mr Leach, Resolved that the following alteration be made in the proposed addresses to Her Majesty & his R H Prince Albert — viz; after the words "that the humble efforts of our Society to investigate the laws which govern Atmospheric Phenomena and" be added the words "the causes which produce those important meteoric changes upon which &c" —

To Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria

May it please Your Majesty

We the President Vice Presidents & ~~Officers~~ Council of the Meteorological Society embrace this opportunity of respectfully tendering to Your Majesty our heartfelt congratulations upon the interesting and highly important occasion of Your Majesty's marriage with H. R. H. Prince Albert.

We sincerely trust that Your Majesty's alliance with the noble blood of the Antient & Honorable House of Saxe Coburg & Gotha may tend to the promotion of Your Majesty's domestic happiness and may prove a blessing to our own & to surrounding nations.

We venture to hope that the humble efforts of ~~this~~ your Society to investigate the laws wh. govern Atmospheric Phenomena, and the causes wh. ~~affect~~ produce those important meteoric changes ~~of temperature~~ upon wh. the health of the Community depends, may not be deemed unworthy of Your Majesty's approbation.

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deeply on account of those many eminent qualities with which we have especially the means of knowing Your Royal Highness to be gifted.

We trust that you may be the honoured instrument under Divine Providence of promoting the cause of Truth & Science, and we are not without a hope that particular branch of it, wh. is the peculiar object of this Society's researches, the investigation of the laws wh. govern atmospheric

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Majesty's reign may be long, glorious & happy is the sincere & earnest prayer of Madam

Your Majesty's most dutiful & loyal Subjects

&c &c &c

Signed by the Members of the Council

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It was also moved by Mr ~~Phillips~~ Leach & seconded by Mr Phillips that the word "Council" be substituted for the word "officers" in the first sentence of the proposed addresses to Her Majesty & H R Highness Prince Albert. Carried unanimously—

It was moved by Dr McIntyre seconded by Mr Phillips

Field Marshal

To His Royal Highness Albert Prince of Saxe Coburg and Gotha Duke of Saxe Knight of the Garter &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Royal Highness

We the President Vice Presidents and ~~officers~~ Council of the Meteorological Society beg leave respectfully to approach Your Royal Highness with the expression of our sincere & heartfelt Congratulations on the occasion of your nuptials with our beloved Queen.

Your Royal Highness has conferred a flattering distinction upon us in having chosen our country as the land of your adoption, and we feel it the more deeply on account of those many eminent qualities with which we have especially the means of knowing Your Royal Highness to be gifted.

We trust that you may be the honoured instrument under Divine Providence of promoting the cause of Truth & Science, and we are not without a hope that particular branch of it, wh is the peculiar object of this Society's researches, the investigation of the laws wh govern atmos pheric

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Your Majesty's most dutiful & loyal subjects

&c &c

Phenomena, and the causes ~~of~~ which produce those important meteoric changes ~~of temperature~~ upon which the health of the Country depends may not be considered unworthy of Your Royal Highness's patronage & protection

That Your Royal Highness may be long and unceasingly happy is the earnest prayer of

Sir

Your Royal Highness's most dutiful & most obedient servants

Signed by the Council

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It was moved by Dr McIntyre & seconded by Mr Phillips that the adopted addresses to her Majesty & the H R H Prince Albert be presented by the noble President.

The Secretary called the attention of the Council to the necessity of the Society's taking new Rooms in consequence of Mr Green's leaving Bartlett's Buildings. The Secretary stated that he in conjunction with the Secretary of the Bot. Soc. had seen suitable Rooms in John St Adelphi, for 50£ a year of which it was proposed, that the Botanical & Meteorological Societies should each pay £20, & the Aurarian Society £10.

It was then proposed by Mr White & seconded by Lieu Morrison & unanimously resolved, that in consequence of Mr Green's being about to remove from Bartlett's Buildings, the Society accept the proposition of the Secretary of the Botanical Society

to rent suitable Rooms at No 12 in the Adelphi John Street at 20 Pounds Rent per Annum –

– After this Resolution was passed an indemnification was given to the Bot. Secretary of the Botanical Society for the Rent above mentioned, signed by the Chairman –

The Meeting then adjourned –

John Lee.
Chairman –

1840 May 12th

Minutes of Council held May 12th 1840 Dr Lee FRS Treasurer in the Chair.

– The Secretary read the Minutes of the preceding Meeting which were confirmed. –

Lieu Morrison R.N. read the report of the Committee appointed to examine and arrange for publication the documents in Possession of the Society – which was discussed and ordered to be received.

The Secretary presented an Account to the Society of the following monies Received and Paid by him. viz

Dr	£. S. D	Cr	£. S. D
To Mr. Leach entrance fee & Subscription	2. 2. 0	By 10½ Days wages paid to Clerk for arranging the Society's Papers	2. 3. 9
Lieu. Morrison Subn	1. 1. 0	Postages & other incidental expences	2. 0. 10
Mr Phillips Do	1. 1. 0		
Balance	7		
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Ordered that in future all monies be paid into the treasurer's hands and all accounts & debts of the Society be paid by him, & not by the Secretary or any other person.

The Secretary was then requested to make out his account of Postages up to the last Anniversary Meeting, & that account after that period could not be received.

The Secretary then mentioned that the Society could not remove to John St. Adelphi as was stated at the last Meeting in consequence of a 7 Year's lease being demanded, but there were others in view. – The Meeting then adjourned.

R. J. Morrison
Chairman

1840 June 9th

Minutes of Council held 9th June 1840 Lieut Morrison R.N in the Chair. The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed. –

The Secretary was then called upon to what progress had been made in printing the Society's Catalogues of Meteorological Tables & papers on Scientific subjects, – The Secretary stated in reply that, owing to the removal of the Society from Bartlett's Buildings & his indisposition, no progress had been made, but that, the list should be immediately completed & placed in the the hands of the printer, and an estimate of the cost obtained, together with a proof sheet, before the next meeting. – It was then proposed by Mr Leach & seconded by Mr White that the Council meet during the recess as often as business may render it necessary. –

W. M. Higgins Esqre stated he had in contemplation a plan which he wished to submit to the Society, which he considered, if it could be adopted would greatly benefit the Science of Meteorology. –

It was then unanimously resolved that a special meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday June 23rd to hear Mr Higgins' proposals – to read H.R.H Prince Albert's reply to the Society's address – to receive further notices of Lieut. Morrison's new Anemascope and such other matters, as might be require the attention of the Council. adjourned till Tuesday June 23rd 1840 at 7 p.m.

W. J. Morrison
Chairman

23rd June 1840

1840 June 23 — Minutes of Council held this 23rd day of June
Lieut Morrison R.N. in the Chair —
The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed — The Secretary then read His Royal Highness Prince Albert's reply to the Address sent to him April 14. of which the following is the original Document

Buckingham Palace
May 13. 1840

Gentlemen

I am commanded by Prince Albert to convey to you the Vice Presidents Officers & Council of the Meteorological Society the Expression of His Royal Highness's sincere thanks for the sentiments contained in the Congratulatory Address wh. by your desire I have had the honor to present

And I have it further in command to assure you that His Royal Highness regards

The Chairman then stated particulars of his new Anemoscope, from a model which he produced, & which appeared to the Council to be highly meritorious, & from the simplicity of its construction and the trifling expence it would require in fitting it up, either for Buildings, or for vessels at Sea, entitled it to early consideration from the scientific World. The Chairman suggested several further improvements which met the entire approbation of the Council —

W. H. Higgins Esqre then proposed the following plan for furthering in an especial manner the science of meteorology, & at the same time to benefit the Meteorological Society, and ~~at the same time~~ to extend its objects. His plan was to erect an Observatory, both for Meteorological & Astronomical purposes on some eligible site near London, on the system of Share-holders — each share to be £10 — About £1000 would be sufficient to erect a suitable Building & to furnish it with ~~suitable~~ proper Instruments both for Meteorological & astronomical purposes.

— One grand Object of the ~~Society~~ Observatory would be to instruct Young Men destined for Maritime pursuits in taking Solar & Lunar observations & practically qualifying them for Sea, at very moderate charges — Another source of profit would arise from persons anxious to acquire some telescopic knowledge of the Heavens, & who would cheerfully pay their fee of 1/- for each opportunity — While curiosity would induce others to pay a like fee occasionally

Mr Higgins appeared to have confidence in the success of the scheme, and was desirous of calling the attention of the Scientific Public to it without delay – The Council concurred in the necessity of such an institution, while it deplored the very inefficient manner in which Cadets & others were obliged to undertake hazardous & important offices at sea without any Qualifications for them, & without there being any Institution in the metropolis where young men could obtain a practical knowledge of the important Art of Navigation!

Lieut. Morrison R.N. W.M. Higgins Esqr & the Secretary were then appointed a Committee to take the above scheme into further consideration. —

A. E. McIntyre

1840 Nov 10th 1840 Minutes of Council held this 10 day of Nov. 1840 Dr. McIntyre V.P. in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. – The Secretary then stated that he had received many very valuable Tables from various correspondents during the long recess, and also several presentations to the library –

The Secretary then requested that an order might be given on the Treasurer for Rent due up to ~~Lady~~ Michaelmas Day last, an order was given accordingly – The Secretary also stated that several of the Members were in arrears with their subscriptions, & that several of them had been applied to in vain – It was then Resolved,

That this Committee do respectfully call upon the Treasurer to furnish a detailed account of the Assets & Liabilities of this Society at the next Meeting of the Council, with a view to make some arrangements for forwarding their liquidation, and promoting the general interests of the Society. – Resolution signed A. McIntyre

The Meeting then adjourned,

A. E. McIntyre,
Chairman.

Dec^r 1840

Minutes of Council meeting held on Tuesday 8 Dec^r 1840.

D^r M^c Intyre V.P. in the Chair.

The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed — The Sec^y stated that he had received donations to the Library from the East India Comp^y & from Prof: Silliman — ordered that [illegible] be returned, for each respective present. The Secretary then read a letter addressed to him by Fred C. Lukis Esq^r Guernsey requesting meteorological assistance for a Gent^n who is writing the History of Guernsey. On Enquiry being made whether M^r Lukis was a Member of the Society. The Sec. stated that M^r Lukis had been elected a Member, but that he claimed Associate-ship on account of his locality, not being in Great Britain, after the question had been fully discussed, it was proposed by M^r Reynolds & seconded by M^r Morrison R.N. that M^r Lukis be considered an Associate, & Car^d unanimously. The Sec^y then rec^d instruction to inform M^r Lukis that his friend would find much of his desiderata in the 1 Vol. of the Society's Transactions to be had of the Treasurer at £1„11„6 — & that any further information, if the Society possessed it might be obtained on writing to the Secretary

The Treasurer, in compliance with the request of the Council in Nov^r last produced a list of the assets and liabilities of the Society, which were found on inspection, to shew a defi-cit in the Subscriptions, amounting to £59„17. Three subscriptions were then paid leaving yet a deficiency of 56„14s. which the Secretaries were requested to collect as far as possible

Res^d

That a sum not exceeding £2:5: be expended for preparing & printing a ~~[illegible]~~ paper containing a Catalogue of the various returns &c in the possession of the Society

A. M^c Intyre, Chairman

[illegible] White Sec^y
8 Dec^r 1840

subject be ~~[illegible]~~ in the minutes of the Society — ~~Adjourned till 12 Jan^y 1841~~. It was then resolved That &c. vide resolution annexed above — The meeting then adjourned till Tuesday 12^th Jan^y 1841 —

A. M^c Intyre

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Dr McIntyre V.P. in the Chair—

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The Secretary then read a letter from Mr Joseph Atkinson of Haraby near Carlisle that he had resolved many months ago not to take up his membership, which he thought would have been sufficiently understood by his not remitting the money at the time it had been required of him.

The Council expressed their disgust at such a dishonourable line of conduct & while requesting that his name might be erased from the list of members, requested the Secy to inform that the Society considered him indebted 2 Guis.—

The Secretary was then requested to apply to the Admiralty for a copy of Col. Reids Theory of Storms, & that the Correspondence on that subject be ~~[illegible]~~ in the minutes of the Society— ~~Adjourned till 12 Jany 1841~~ It was then resolved That &c. Vide resolution annexed above— The meeting then adjourned till Tuesday 12th Jany. 1841—

Sd. Jr. McIntyre

1841
March 9

Minutes of Council held on Tuesday March 9th 1841 Dr McIntyre V.P. in the Chair

The Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed —

Dr Lee Treasurer, having sent the following Notice dated 9th Febry, & there being no Meeting of Council that evening it could not be read till this day — viz — "I take leave to acquaint you, that I request, that the Council will accept of my resignation of the Office of Treasurer, as I am now so frequently from London, and am seldom able to attend either the Council or the public meetings, but I shall be happy to continue as a subscriber & wellwisher to the Society" To the Secretary.

Dr Lee's resignation having been received it was Resolved,

"That the Council have heard with deep regret that Dr Lee has been induced to withdraw from the Office of Treasurer and the members are desirous of tendering their best thanks for the zealous & very satisfactory manner in which he has fulfilled the Duties of Treasurer"

J. W. G. Gutch Esqr M.R.C.S. having been proposed as Treasurer, in place of Dr Lee resigned, & he having no objections to fill the Office he was unanimously appointed.

The late Treasurer on submitting his Books to the new Treasurer stated, there was a deficiency of Annual Subscriptions amounting to Fifty Pounds 8/- & that many of the defaulters has been applied to in vain, It was Resolved that a Committee of three members of the Council be appointed to take such measures as they may deem requisite to obtain a liquidation of the arrears of Subscription due to the Society

The following Committee was then appointed

Lieut Morrison R.N.
Dr Lee
J. W. G. Gutch Esqr Treasurer
W. H. White & J. W. Green Secretaries

In order to alleviate the Society's arrears It was resolved

That the Secretary & Treasurer be authorized to dispose of the large Barometer belonging to the Society.

This resolution was rescinded 13th April 1841 vid. min.

In consequence of the Society having suffered in its funds from the employments of members as tradesmen, it was Resolved — That henceforth there be, on no account whatever, any money expended by the Society in payments to individuals who may be members of the same.

It was finally resolved "That a Copy of the Society's Transactions be presented to the Botanical Society of London. — A Copy was immediately presented, the Secy of the Bot. Soc. being present. —

— It was then resolved that this Meeting be adjourned & that the Finance Committee meet at Dr Lee's on Tuesday the 16th inst: at 7 p.m.

R. J. Morrison
Chairman

1841 March 16

Minutes of the Finance Committee held at Dr Lee's on Tuesday 16th March 1841

Present Lieut Morrison R.N in the Chair
Dr Lee
J. W. G. Gutch. Treasurer
W. H. White. Secretary

The Secretary stated that on sending the Right honble President notice of his reelection as President for the ensuing session, together with a Copy of the resolutions passed in Council on the 9th inst: he had received a letter of which the following is a copy. "I am much flattered by the honor conferred upon me by the Meteorological Society, & I request you to be good enough to convey my thanks to the members, & my regret that they have not selected some one more likely from scientific attainments to be useful to the Society.

I am very sorry to find that the finances are not in a more flourishing condition, & sooner than allow the Barometer to depart without a little time to see if they cannot be recruited I will lend the Society £30 for a year, upon the mercurial security, & if at the end of that time, we do not do better it must go — please to acknowledge the enclosed to allow of its being paid.

I remain Sir
Your obedt Servt

To W. H. White, Secy — R Grosvenor —

On acknowledging the receipt of a cheque for £30 — his Lordship writes "Don't send me the Barometer, I wish it to remain at the Society's Rooms, and only to be disposed of, in case, when the year comes round we are unable in any other way to meet our engagements ———— signed R Grosvenor

The Secy read a letter from Lord Wallscourt stating that he had previously written to have his name withdrawn as a subscriber, Resolved That Lord Wallscourt name be erased from the list of members at his own request, in consequence of his residence abroad

— Resolved that the name of Mr Jas Atkinson be erased from the list of members, according to his request, but that he be still considered to be indebted to the Society the sum of £2..2 – entrance fee & annual subscription, & that a Copy of this resolution be forwarded to him requesting his immediate payment of the above two Guineas.

Resolved that Dr Birkbeck be called upon forthwith to request the favor of a speedy arrangement of the accounts between the Society & the Dr as may be convenient.

Moved that Mr Brayley be politely yet urgently requested to pay his arrears of subscription & that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to him

Moved that a letter be written to Mr Wm Bateman Byng requesting him to pay his arrears of Subscription.

Moved that a letter be written by the Treasurer to Mr Chas Dixon containing a Copy of this resolution, requesting the immediate payment of his arrears.

Moved that a letter be written to Mr Leach stating the election of a new Treasurer & requesting his attention to his arrears.

Ordered that Dr McIntyre be written to reminding him of his being in arrears of Subscription for three years.

Ordered that Mr Mass be written to for his arrears of Subscription.

Ordered that a letter be written to Mr Spinney drawing his attention to the fact of his being in arrear, & that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to him.

Ordered that a copy of the proceedings & a letter drawing the attention of Mr Tatem to the fact of his being in arrears, be written & forwarded to him.

Ordered that a similar letter be written to the Revd J. C. Williams

Resolved that the Secretary be requested to prepare a revised list of the Annual Subscribers to be laid before the Committee on Friday week next

Resolved that a full statement of all the liabilities of the Society be prepared to be laid before this Committee on Friday week next

Resolved that the necessary notice be forthwith given to the Botanical Society declining the further occupation of the Rooms at present held by this Society

Ordered that no payments be made until the next meeting of this Committee

That this Committee adjourn to Friday week next the 26th Inst.

1841 March 26

Resolved that No 18 of the Dublin Review be ordered for the Society

Minutes of the Finance Committee held at Doctor Lees on Friday March 26th

Present Lord Morrison K.B. in the Chair
Dr Lee
Mr Reynolds
Mr Green Secretary
W W White Secretary

The secretary stated that there were 40 members who might be termed paying members of the Society - five of whom were doubtful -

The secretary then stated that the Society owed to the Botanical Society

for Rent up to Ladyday		10 " 10 " 0
Stationers Bill	Harrison & Co	6 " 5 " 0
Printers Bill	Martin & Co	10 " 16 " 6
Do	do Green & Co	6 " 10 " 0
Arrears of Rent at the Mechanics Institute		7 " 19 " -
Smith Elder & Co Publishers		100 " 0 " -
making a Total of		£142 " - " 6
Cash in the Treasurers hands		35 " 5
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		72 " -

It was then resolved that 57£ " 6s " 6d be appropriated to make the following payments

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Stationers bill	6 " 5 " 0	Harrison & Co
Printers "	10 " 16 " 6	Martin & Co
Arrears of Rent	5 " - " -	Mechanics Institute
Publishers	30 " - " -	Smith Elder & Co
Total	57 " 6 " 6	

Resolved. That the Treasurer write to Wm Biggins Esqr 54 Watling Street for his arrears of Subscription & admission Fee amounting to £3.3.0 —

Resolved that a Copy of the proceedings & the Records of MSS. be sent to the Metropolitan Scientific Institutions & to some of the leading members of the British Association who take an Interest in Meteorology —

Resolved that a form for daily Records of Meteorological Observations by the Commanders of H.M. Ships be submitted to the President of the Society, with a request that his Lordship will have the goodness to lay it before the Admiralty with a view to the obtaining of such records for the use of the Society and the advancement of Meteorological Science.

The Secretary stated that he had transmitted the resolution of the last meeting to the President & Council of the Botanical Society relative to declining the rooms with the following letter "In compliance with this Resolution I accordingly give you notice that the Meteorological Society will give up the possession of the Rooms occupied by them at No 20 Bedford St. Covent Garden at Midsummer next" — signed W.H.W. Secy

Resolved that this meeting be adjourned till Tuesday April 13th 1841 —

April 1841

Minutes of ~~Council~~ Finance Committee held on Tuesday April 13th 1841 Lieut Morrison R.N. in the Chair. After the minutes of preceding meeting had been read & confirmed — the Chairman read a letter from Dr Lee in which he (Dr Lee) stated he had seen Messrs Smith Elder & Co — & that they were willing to receive £30, immediately & to have the remainder guaranteed by two Bills one at 8 Months & one at 14 Months —

The Treasurer then produced the annexed report which was read and discussed — The Chairman then vacated the Chair, which was taken by Saml Luck Kent Esqr who received the report of the Finance Committee which was put to the vote & ordered to be received —

Resolved that the resolution contained in last Month's minutes, relating to the employment of Tradesmen, who are members of the Society be rescinded.

The Treasurer reported that he had twice written pressing letters to the following Gentlemen who were several Years in arrears of their Subscription but without receiving any reply: viz, Messrs Atkinson, Brinkley, Dixon & Mr Pettype

Resolved That the Treasurer forward a copy of the Resolution contained in the Finance Report herewith sent to the above parties, & again press them to forward their arrears. —

April 1841

Minutes of Council held on Tuesday 13 April 1841 Lieut Morrison R.N in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed —

The Certificates of Col Wylde R.A — Alderman Billsbon of Portsmouth, Messrs Wm Stocken of Baldock — Barker & Jones of London were read the first time & ordered to be suspended in the Rooms till the next Meeting —

The Secretary then announced the following Donations, Transactions and Proceedings of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. O Director from Lisbon — Contributions towards a history of Swansea by L.W. Dillwyn Esqr &c — Suitable thanks, accompanied by the Society's Proceedings were ordered to be returned

It was then ~~ordered~~ Resolved, that the present Rooms be occupied by the Society at £12 per Ann. from Midsummer next —

Messrs Roschetti & Burself having exhibited several improved Barometers for the opinions of the Council Resolved that Messrs Morrison Lieut R.N, Geo Leach Esqr & J.W.G. Gutch be requested to form a Committee to examine the Barometers submitted for inspection & to report thereon at the next meeting

Resolved that a list of the Members & Officers of the Meteorological Society be engrossed & hung up in the Society's Rooms.

Resolved that the thanks of this meeting be given to Lieut Morrison RN for his kindness in circulating, stitched in the Covers of the Horoscope, 400 Copies of the Society's Abstracts of Proceedings for 1838–9 & that he be further requested, if producing no inconvenience to extra expence to himself to circulate the same number of those for 1839 & 40 in the Horoscope for May next —

Resolved that the Resolution contained in the minutes of the last meeting, relating to the Employment of Tradesmen, who are members of the Society be hereby rescinded. —

The Treasurer reported that he had twice written pressing letters to the following gentlemen who were several years in arrears of their subscription, but with receiving any reply; viz; Messrs Atkinson, Brayley Dixon & Mc Intyre.

Resolved that a Copy of the Resolution contained in the finance report be forthwith sent to the above parties.

Resolved that the following Gentlemen be requested to act as a publishing Committee Messrs White, Morrison, Green, Reynolds & Gutch with liberty to add to their numbers, & that they hold their first meeting on Monday 19 April 1841.

Resolved that the Treasurer pay forthwith £50 to Messrs Smith Elder & Co on A/C. and 5 Guineas to the Secretary for his trouble.

R.J. Morrison — Chair

May 1841

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday May 11th 1841 Lieut Morrison R.N. in the Chair —

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed

The Treasurer's accounts were submitted to the inspection of the Council & were highly satisfactory — It was ordered that the sum of two Pounds be paid to W. H. White Esq on Account of Postages of the present Session.

The Prospectus of the proposed Quarterly Journal was then submitted for approval each sentence of which was discussed, and 1000 ordered to be printed & circulated among the lovers of Science.

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The Secretary presented an Estimate from Mr Palmer Crane Court Fleet St for printing a Journal of 4 Sheets demy 8vo with wrapper &c complete as below.

The Secretary then presented the following — June 4/41

Estimate for a Journal of 4 sheets demy 8vo with wrapper

Text, (including Composition, Press Work, & Paper) — of

500 No	£3:10:0 per sheet	
750	4:5:0 "	
1000	5:0:0 "	

Tables — (do)

500	£14:0:0 per sheet	
750	14:15:0 "	
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(The Tables are calculated as small type, called Brevier). —

Wrapper (2 pp) — comps. working & Paper

500	£0-15-0
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My dear Sir

I beg to enclose you the estimate you requested; and shall be exceedingly happy if I can be so lucky as to get the printing. — I have estimated for a good paper, at about £1 per ream — And you may rely on it I shall pay every attention to the work. — I had the management of the Improved Nautical almanac; Brande's Journal of Science; & Mrs Somerville's Mechanism of the Heavens; besides all the Treatises of the Useful Knowledge Society, while I managed the business of Messrs. Clowes,

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That the name of "J. W. G. Gutch Esq Tres Meteor Soc" be announced on the wrapper as editor

That Edward Newman pay the entire cost of paper, printing and other incidental charges and receive all the proceeds

London 22 November 1841

Of the size of the Meteorologist with two pages of table matter.

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Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday Febry 8th 1841

Dr Lee F.R.S. Vice President in the Chair.

The Secretary stated that he had called upon Mr E. W. Brayley at the London Institution at the request of the Treasurer to solicit payment for his arrears of Subscription, he was ~~treated~~ [treated] in a very ungentlemanly manner. It was proposed by Lieu Morrison R.N. & seconded by the Treasurer That, in consequence of the uncourteous demeanor of Mr E W Brayley to the Secretary, on being called upon for his arrears of Subscription, that he be expelled the Society

The following were proposed as Officers for the ensuing year.

President
The Right Honble Lord R Grosvenor

Vice Presidents
The Right Hon. Lord Carington
Dr Lee F.R.S. F.R.S.L.

Treasurer
J W G Gutch Esq MRCS

Secretaries
W. H. White M.B.S. &c
P. L. Simmonds Esq. F.S.S.

Foreign Secretary
Jno Reynolds Esq. [illegible]

Other Members of the Council
Messrs Byng
Bucknill
Casella
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Morrison
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LIST OF OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT.
THE RIGHT HON. LORD ROBERT GROSVENOR, M.P.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.
DR. BIRKBECK, F.G.S., &c. Deceased
DR. Mc INTYRE, F.L.S., M.B.S., &c. Resigned

TREASURER.
J. W. G. GUTCH, Esq., M.R.C.S., F.L.S., &c.

SECRETARIES.
W. H. WHITE, Esq., M.B.S., V.P.U.S. &c.
J. GREEN, Esq., M.B.S., M.U.S., &c. Left him

FOREIGN SECRETARY.
J. REYNOLDS, Esq., M.B.S., M.U.S., &c.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.
× H. W. BAILEY, Esq., M.R.C.S.
W. BATEMAN BYNG, Esq., F.R.A.S., &c.
× SAMUEL LUCK KENT, Esq., F.G.S., &c.
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× W. J. SIMMONITE, Esq., M.U.S.
× JAMES GEORGE TATEM, Esq.
Country Members.

Mr Casella & Mr Simmonds were chosen Auditors of the Treasurer's accounts —

Tuesday March 8th 1842 R Grosvenor Presᵗ

Minutes of Council held on Tuesday March 1st 1842

The Right Hon. Lord Robt Grosvenor President in the Chair —

The Report of past year was read and adopted in Council, & ordered to be read at the Anniversary Meeting. The expenditure of the past year was discussed, and every possible retrenchment suggested under the direction of the Finance Committee, consisting of Dr Lee V.P. Lieu Morrison R.N. the Treasurer, Secretary & Foreign Secretary —

The Treasurer stated that in consequence of the advantageous arrangements he had made with Mr Lumley Chancery Lane the Society's Journal would appear Quarterly without involving the Society in any pecuniary outlay, a step that was highly approved by the Council. The Treasurer also stated that he had been enabled by unremitting perseverance to collect many of the outstanding arrears, by which the Society's funds had been greatly benefited, & which had enabled him to liquidate some in the whole & others in part, of the liabilities of the Society.

The Treasurer also proposed more eligible Rooms than those at present occupied by the Society and at a very trifling increase of Rent, in the more eligible situation 17, Old Bond Street.

The present Rooms being held at 12 Guis per Annum the proposed Rooms at 15 Guis per Annum — This proposal was approved by the Council, & the Secretary was requested to give due Notice of removal from the present Rooms, & the Treasurer to make final arrangements for taking possession of the Rooms in Bond Street at Mids:r.

In order to prevent any encroachments on the Society's funds arising from an increase of Rent, the following sums were subscribed Dr Lee One ~~Guinea~~ Pound. Mr Morrison 10/- & Mr Musella 8/-

The Treasurer then suggested that the Society's Papers be bound up in Years for the Convenience of Reference, this proposal met the approbation of the Council & was ordered to be forthwith carried into execution should the funds of the Society permit —

A Vote of Thanks was given to the Treasurer for his assiduity and attention, and the Meeting adjourned

John Lee
Chairman

Minutes of Council held on Tuesday May 10th 1842 Dr Lee F.R.S. V.P. in the Chair.

The Treasurer brought forward a full statement of the Society's Funds, and suggested for the well being of the Society that every possible retrenchment of expenditure be adopted till the outstanding liabilities of the Society be liquidated. and First,

That the Society discontinue, for the present, to forward the Quarterly Journal to Associate & Hon. Members:- agreed to,

2nd. That the expenditure in postages &c. be as limited as possible; agreed to.

3rd. That the printing of the monthly Proceedings apart from the Journal be suppressed for the present — agreed to.

4th That the monthly allowance to the Secretary be suspended pro. tem. & that the following Resolution be entered in the Minutes of this Meeting.

Resolved. That the Society, with great reluctance, in consequence of the debt still owing by the Society, is compelled for the present, to suspend the payment heretofore made to Mr White as Secretary to this Society — & the Society only hopes, that, ere a year elapses, the difficulty will be removed, which now exists, & that the valuable Services of Mr White will again meet with that reward, which they so amply merit. — moved by Jw G Hutch sec'd by Mr Musella.

The Secretary expressed his full concurrence with this resolution. — adjourned.

John Lee Chairman

1842
June 14

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday June 14th 1842. at No 20, Bedford St Covent Garden. Dr Lee V.P. in the Chair—

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Treasurer stated that the Subscriptions from the following Members were left unpaid, viz

Capt. Eaton, M.P.	3 . 3 . 0	
Duncan Forbes	1 . 1 . 0	Written to officially 16 June 42 W.W.
W. J. Hawker	3 . 3 . 0	
Mr Miller Firth	3 . 3 . 0	
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The Secretary stated that the last mentioned Gentn was suddenly called to Adelaide Town S. Australia in consequence of his Brothers sudden death, & none of his friends in England had received instructions to pay the demand.

The Secretary was then requested to write officially first four named Members requesting them to remit without delay.

The Treasurer then stated that the Terms offered by the Society to Mr Moore at the Rooms in Bond Street, were not accepted— The Treasurer was accordingly empowered to give 1/6 each for a Number not under 6. and 1/- each above that Number— To which following reply has been sent— from Mr Moore to the Treasurer subject to further consideration of the Council —

57, Pall Mall.
22nd June, 1842.

Sir,

In answer to your letter I beg to state the scale of payment proposed by the Meteorological Society will not be sufficient to remunerate me. But I am willing to serve the Society with Tea and Coffee, and accompaniments for six persons at one shilling and sixpence each, and for each member above six one shilling extra. ~~But~~ I cannot undertake to serve the Society unless I shall be sure of receiving, at the least, nine shillings for each Meeting besides two shillings for cleaning the rooms and attendance.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
Thos Moore

J. W. Gutch, Esq.
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There being further business for consideration the Council Meeting adjourned till July 12th when the Meeting will be held at the Society's new Rooms No 7 Old Bond Street

J. Lee. Chairman.

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Treasurer of the

Meteorological Society

Febry 8th 1843

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Council of the Society, held at No 7 Old Bond Street – there were present

The President (in the Chair)
The Vice President Dr Lee
Messrs Gutch, Reynolds, Leach, Casella, White & Simmonds. –

The following circular was drawn up by the Treasurer, read, discussed and adopted.

METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY

OF

Great Britain.

January, 1843.

SIR,

I am instructed by the Council of the Meteorological Society of Great Britain respectfully to invite your perusal of the following statement, and to inform you that should you be disposed to aid the Society, either by a Donation or by becoming a Member of the same, a letter addressed to W. H. WHITE, Secretary, No. 36, Queen's Row, Walworth, or to J. W. G. GUTCH, Esq., Treasurer, No. 38, Foley Place, will meet with every attention, and be duly acknowledged.

J. W. G. GUTCH, TREASURER.

ENTRANCE FEE, £1 1s. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION, £1 1s.

Resolved, That 500 Copies of the above Circular Letter be printed for distribution among the Members, Associates, and friends of Meteorological Science. –

The following Gentlemen engaged to send Circulars as follows. viz

The President 25 – Dr Lee 12 –
Mr Simmonds 50 Mr White the Members and Associates. –

The Treasurer read his report of the present state of Society which was approved and adopted.

Resolved 2ndly. That a unanimous vote of thanks be given to the Treasurer for his lucid Report, and also for his Activity Zeal and Talent displayed on the publication of the Society's Quarterly Journal.

The Treasurer having stated the impossibility of the Continuance of the Journal under the present arrangement unless the people of a certain number of Copies could be insured, the President came forward with his accustomed zeal & kindness & guaranteed the expence of the publication of No 6 of the Journal. – The Council acceded to his Lordships noble proposition, and the Journal was ordered to be continued for another Number. –

In compliance with the proposals in the annexed Circular, the following Gentleman agreed to pay a double Subn for the Ensuing Session; viz,
The President, Dr Lee, Messrs Leach Reynolds, Casella, & Simmonds. –
The Meeting then adjourned.

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Resolved, That 500 Copies of the above Circular Letter be printed for distribution among the Members, Associates, and friends of Meteorological Science. –

The following Gentlemen engaged to send Circulars as follows: viz
The President 25 – Dr Lee 12 –
Mr Simmonds 50 Mr White the Members and Associates. –

The Treasurer read his report of the present state of Society which was approved and adopted.

Resolved 2ndly. That a unanimous vote of thanks be given to the Treasurer for his lucid Report, and also for his Activity & Zeal and Talent displayed on the publication of the Society's Quarterly Journal.

The Treasurer having stated the impossibility of the Continuance of the Journal under the present arrangement unless the sale of a certain number of Copies could be insured, the President came forward with his accustomed zeal & kindness & guaranteed the expence of the publication of No 6 of the Journal. – The Council acceded to his Lordship's noble proposition, and the Journal was ordered to be continued for another number. –

In compliance with the proposals in the annexed Circular, the following Gentleman agreed to pay a double Subn for the Ensuing Session: viz,
The President, Dr Lee, Messrs Leach Reynolds, Casella & Simmonds. –
The meeting then adjourned.

March 14th

Minutes of Council held on Tuesday March 14th. The Right Hon. Lord Robert Grosvenor President in the Chair —

The Treasurer's accounts were audited by Messrs Reynolds & Casella & proved to be correct —

The Treasurer then read the Annual Report which was approved and adopted, and ordered to be read at the Anniversary Meeting.

Resolved that the meetings of the Society be limited to 7 during the year, & that there be a recess from May to November.

The Treasurer stated, that Mr Ronchetti had offered the Society accommodation for its Meetings, Library &c in Museum St Bloomsbury at the sum of 5 Guineas per Annum. And Mr Casella offered equal accommodations at his House, 23 Hatton Garden for 3 Guis per Annum. As the Society was bound to hold its present apartments till Midsummer next, the Decision was left for a future Meeting.

The following officers were chosen & to be submitted for election at the Anniversary Meeting.

President The Right Hon Lord Robt Grosvenor M.P.
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The Right Hon Lord Carrington — Messrs Platt
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adjourned.

At a special meeting of the Council of the Meteorological Society Lord Robt Grosvenor in the chair held February 8th it ~~was~~ resolved that the ~~following letter should be printed & a copy sent to every member of the Society - as being a probable means of either~~ obtaining fresh Subscribers

& called ~~in consequence~~ especially to enquire into the financial state of the Meteorological Society & to devise the best means for relieving it effectually from its present depressed & embarassed condition - Your Treasurer read a voluminous report of which it will then be necessary only to revert in brief & state to your Society the means resolved upon by your Council for relieving the Soc from its at present ~~distressing~~ condition - Your Treasurer states that the following is at present up to this day the state of the funds of the Society.

Received for Subscriptions during the Past year ~~including donations~~	£ 43 - 2 - 0
By various donations	8 - 0 - 0
By allowance for Bookcase left in the Bot Soc's rooms	19 - 0
By balance from last year in the Treasurers hands.	5 - 19 - 1
	£ 57 19 1

The various expences of the year as fully specified in the Treasurers account which has been audited & examined by your council this Evening amounts to £ 45 - 15 - 7½ - leaving a balance up to this day of £ 12 - 1 - 5½ in your Treasurers hands. - The outstanding ~~debts~~ liabilities of the Society amount to £ 121 - 13 - 6 including the remainder of Smith & Elder account left unpaid & the debt due to our noble President Lord Rob Grosvenor - The outstanding subscriptions remaining unpaid to the Society ~~appear to~~ amount to the sum of £ 37 - 16 - 0 viz

for 1840 - 1	1 - 1 - 0
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1842 - 3	27 - 6 - 0
	37 16 0

And in addition to this from this day £ 66 - 3 are now due making the assets of the Society ~~[illegible]~~ if all the subscriptions were paid up amount ~~[illegible]~~ to £ 103 - 19 - 0 - But from past experience your Council are fully sensible of how little dependance is to be placed upon this amount of subscriptions being paid in time to ~~place any reliance upon being~~ enable your council to effect

My Lord & Gentlemen

We are this night met to commemorate the 20 anniversary of the Meteorological Society of Great Britain & I feel loth to permit it to pass over without making a few brief observations on the occasion — I would that we were met under brighter circumstances

and speedy extrication from the debt that is now weighing your Society down & clogging all its best efforts — such being the state as represented by your Treasurer to your council it became their duty to take such active & decisive measures as should tend to one of ... into their most serious consideration and what measures had best be adopted — two alternatives presenting themselves to your council the one dissolving the Society until such time as it should meet with more support the other carrying it on for another year and the result of the calm deliberations of your council will now be laid before you for your approval & confirmation —

In the first place they recommend the adoption & circulation of the following circular amongst all the members of the Society first, & afterwards if the necessary amount of donations be not in that way procured that it shall then be freely circulated amongst scientific men in general & especially those who have been known to interest themselves in Meteorological pursuits & investigations — as being a probable means of either obtaining fresh Subscribers or donors & thus releasing the Society from the depressing state in which it has been placed in the first instance by the well intentioned but mistaken zeal of a former council in publishing the

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METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY

OF

Great Britain.

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The example has already been set [illegible] & donations have already been received from several parties who are not subscribers even to the Society [illegible] amongst others from Professor Sewell of the Royal Veterinary College & through his kind interest also from the Secretary of the Roy Agricultural Society: such examples your Council hope to see imitated in a large number of instances — Your Council still further to relieve the Soc from its difficulties have deemed it expedient for the forthcoming session that the meetings should as heretofore be limited to six only [illegible] thus tending to reduce the annual expense of the Society and at the same time from the experience that your Council have had during the past session of the

thinness of the attendance during the Summer months
it is considered that no evil but rather good will
accrue to your Soc. ~~by~~ from such curtailment.

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in the item of rent of rooms at present amounting
to £12 P.A. – And here your Council deem it right
to lay before the ~~Soc~~ two propositions which have been
submitted to them: The first from Mr Rhocetti
who has very liberally offered us the use of a room in
his house in Great Russell Street for the payment
from the Soc of £5 P.A. Mr Rhocetti also offers
accommodation for the Books Journals &c at present
rendered unavailable from the want of a Bookcase or
proper receptacle in which to place them: The other
offer is from Mr Casella also a member of a room in
his house situated in Hatton Garden which he very
generously offers for £3 P.A. – ~~But inasmuch~~ Your
Council duly appreciating each of these offers consider
that inasmuch as the present rooms are taken to
June next by which time your Council will be
enabled to judge of the effect of the circular on which
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[illegible] the 25th of June prior to which time a Special

Council meeting shall be called to consider then what alteration steps it would be advisable to take frequent removals being detrimental to the interests of the Society — Your Council further recommend for the forthcoming ~~At the instigation~~ year the strictest economy in each department lessening as much as may be possible & consistent with the efficiently ~~[illegible]~~ carrying out the arrangements of the Society each item of Expenditure —

At the instigation of your Treasurer Mr Cutill & with the kind acquiescence & instrumentality of your noble President Lord Rob Grosvenor a ~~[illegible]~~ an interview has ~~[illegible]~~ taken place with the Marquis of Northampton the President of the Royal Society & the following letter has been addressed to the Council of that Society & from the ~~[illegible]~~ kind interest evinced by the Marquis of Northampton & ~~[illegible]~~ also from the unwearied exertions of your President your Council anticipate ere another year elapses that this Society will be set on that foundation on which it ought to rest ~~[illegible]~~ & become as it is entitled to be known & appreciated by those ornaments of Science who can so efficiently aid & assist us in our endeavours —

To the President & Council of the
Royal Society

March 14 1843.

My Lords & Gentlemen

By the request of the Council of the Meteorological Society of Great Britain I beg respectfully to submit to your consideration the following statement & appended request; for your kind consideration ~~I~~ confidently trusting that you will not deny to a Society instituted for so legitimate a branch of your Scientific research the boon they now seek at ~~the~~ hands of ~~your Society~~: The Met Soc of Great Britain was established in 1823 its objects being to record & observe all aerial Phenomena as they occurred; to collect from foreign parts such as may have been observed there & to publish all that might be deemed useful together with such papers read before the Soc at its monthly meetings as might be considered of sufficient importance – To establish a Library of reference to consist of works relating more especially to that particular branch of Science to establish a correspondence & friendly intercourse

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That Permission be granted to the Editor of the Quarterly Journal of Meteorology to apply to the Sec of the R.S. for similar extracts from papers read before the R.S. as those granted to the Ed. of the Athenaeum when any subjects relating exclusively to Meteorology occur. That when duplicate copies of Journals or Met observations may be sent to the R.S that a copy may be granted of the same to the M.S to assist in forming a Lib of Met reference.

That in return for these privileges sought for at the hands of the R.S that all office bearers for the time being of the R.S shall be considered Hon Memb. of the Met Soc privileged of course to attend any of the monthly meetings of the Socy.

awaiting your reply

I am my Lords & Gentlemen &c &c

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At the commencement of the last year a Quarterly Journal was commenced intended as the organ of the Society & the most advantageous mode of making public the more interesting & important papers read before the Society this edited ~~by the~~ and conducted by the Treasurer Mr Gutch has continued up to the present time

Such being the objects & operations of this Society the Council have been induced to submit the following requests for the consideration of your Lordship & the council of the R Soc & which if ~~they~~ our Council cannot but consider would materially tend still further to render the labours of the Meteorological Society of

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